On the picture of Venus recently paint Mr. Burne Jones, of London.]
Palitd with too much longing,
White with paralon and prayer,
Goddens of love and prayer,
Bhe site in the picture there—

s with her dark eyes seeking, iomething more subtle still an the old delights of loving Her massurcless days to fill the has loved and been loved so often, In the long immortal years, That she tires of the worn out rapture Bickens of hopes and fears.

Mor joys nor sorrows move her— Gone is her ancient pride, For her head she found too heavy The crown she has cast saide.

Rothed in her scarlet splendor, Bright with her glory of hair, and that she is not mortal— Eternally and and fair— Longing for joys she knows not, A-thirst with a vain desire, There she sits in the picture. Daughter of foam and fire.

A Ruby-Ring.

Without the weary winter wind is sighing,
And darkness aleeps upon the freen land
While lonely by the firelight, waning, dying
I watched it gleam and sparkle on my has
a wing of rubics, set in ancient fashion,
Bed gems that burn amid engraven gold,
And waken in my heart a pain and passion
I deemed were dead and cold.

"I wish to see Miss Archer," Miles said, loftily; and the maid showed him into the library, an apartment divided from the drawing-room by a drapery of blue silk curtains hung between fluted pillars of variegated marble, and there left him. fluted pillars of there left him.

Through a disarranged fold in the silk, Miles Perry could catch a glimpse of the splendors of the two rooms be-

of the splendors of the two rooms beyond.

The middle one was tenanted only
by the grand piano and half a dozen
blue silk chairs.

But in the front apartment, where
Axminster carpets and buhl and gilding glittered under a full-lighted chandelier, sat the fair Antonia, in a dress
of lemon-colored crape, trimmed with
rich black lace, and topaz ornaments
swinging like miniature suns from her
ears.

Levities and Brevities

Wicked things .- Candles. A vane fowl.-A weathercock. The first person singular,-Adam. A young man calls his girl, who has romised to marry him, "Silence," be-

Little Buttercup bonnets are fash-ionable for ladies, and Spicer supposes the men will wear Ralph Rake straw hats this summer.

hats this summer.

Now they can take men by the nose!—A barber's shop in Church Street, New York, advertises "Lady artists in attendance."

Tom Moore tells of a gentleman, who, when he was short of money, always threatened his family with the publication of his poems. The immediate result was, as much cash as he wanted.

THE HOUSEHOLD.

Care of Flannels.

"Gussie Thomas" in the Country Gentleman gives the following directions for putting away winter clothing: As short as my experience in household cares has been. I have learned something of the peace and pleasure attending the proper cleansing and putting away of flannels and winter apparel. Sheets and blankets should be washed and thoroughly dried; stockings and underclothing should be well looked over and carefully mended; all articles worn out or out-grown, may be ing glittered under a full-lighted chandelier, sat the fair Antonia, in a dress of lemon-colored crape, trimmed with rich black lace, and topaz ornaments swinging like miniature suns from her ears.

And close beside her on the sofa sat a bald, elderly gentleman, with diamond studs flashing in his linen, and a double chin.

Miles could see the blue-ribbened lass advance to her mistress, and deliver some message.

The bald-headed gentleman rose, and took a gold-knobbed cane from the corner, as if to depart.

"If you have other company," he began, rather testily.

But Antonia laid her little white hand careasingly on his sleeve.

"Don't go," she cooed. "Dear Nicholas, whose company could I prefer to your's? It's only that country how I A celebrated composer wrote to a friend requesting the pleasure of his company 'to luncheon; Key of G." His friend, a thorough musician, interpreted the invitation rightly, and came to the composer's house for a luncheon at one sharp.

A celebrated composer wrote to a friend, a thorough gleasure of his chests and closets, to exclude moths; but possessing none of these, I use a large pine chest, and when in this camphor-or tobacco are scattered with a liberal hand, moths never intrude Christian experience teaches us that it.

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FOR THE CHILDREN.

"Gran'ma Al'as Docs."

I wante to mend my wagon,
And has to have some naile;
Jun' two, free will be plenty,
We're going to han our raile
The splendidest cob fences,
We're makin' over was!
I wis' you'd help us find 'em,
Gran'ma al'es does,

My horse's name is Betsey;
She jumped and broked her h
I put her in the stable,
And fed her milk and bread.
The stable's in the parior,
We didn't make no musa,
I wis' you'd let it stay there,
Gran'ma al'as does.

l's goin' to the cornfield,
To ride on Charlie's plow,
I spect he'd like to have me;
I wants to go just now.
Oh, won't I gee up awful,
And whos like Charlie whose?
I wis' you wouldn't bosner;
Gran'ma never doce. I wants some bread and butter;
I's hungry worstest kind;
But Taddie musn't have none,
Gause she wooldn't mind.
Put penty sugar on it;
I tell you what, I knows
It's right to put on sugar;
Gran'ma al as does.

A Child's Journey.

Large Bird Cage

Mrs. Ellis, who resides at the handsome residence of her father, Mr. Samuel Harris, on West State street, has,
in the south-west corner room of the
second story, 100 canary birds of every
tone and hue. The floor is carpeted
with sawdust and furnished with two
small leafiess trees, a bamboo pole from
which hoops suspend, a large dish of
water, egg shells and bird seed ad
libitum. There are many little boxes
and cages, all with doors open or covers
off. The windows are removed in
warm weather and gauze or wire
screens substituted. The only door
opening into the room has also a wire
screen in lieu of glass, insuring ventilation and a proper temperature. In the screen in lieu of glass, insuring ventila-tion and a proper temperature. In the winter a furnace register furnishes the required degree of warmth. The birds in their quest for lime have pecked patches of plaster from the wall larger than the open hand. Some of the birds are gorgeously beautiful in their contrast of rich colors, and many magnificent singers are of the number. Mr. Ellis said that two years ago his wife had temporarily placed a number. Mr. Ellis said that two years ago his wife had temporarily placed a pair of canary birds in the room; soon there were 8, then 18, and so on, until the astonishing sight before us had been reached. "It is no more difficult to care for the hundred than one bird in this manner," added he; "the birds enjoy themselves and appreciate their freedom, and it is more enjoyable to us to see them thus. Mrs. Ellis can

off, it will cause the sugar to burn and make it dark. To get rid of the sugar sand is almost an insurmountable difficulty, yet it can be overcome, but with sugar at the present prices it is hardly worth the trouble.

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